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THE POLITICAL GAME

PEOPLE IGNORED

THE political stage is dominated today by the antics of Indira Gandhi or the lackadaisical functioning of Janata Government, the hectorings of Charan Singh or the head-countings by the Reddy-Chavan Congress.

Looming large over them is the question of election prospects in the States due to go to the poll in March—particularly the three in the south and west, Andhra, Karnataka and Maharashtra, and one in the east, Assam. Alliances, adjustments are in the offing in which principles and public professions are not always the main consideration. Bickerings increase in the season of the hustings, and strange bedfellows could be seen.

PRIORITIES DIEDTORT

Thus the priorities in political life get distorted in the excitement of the election campaign fever. The Janata leaders are getting ready to push up their respective group aspirants. The Indira Congress is in a hurry to establish its credentials, especially in Andhra and Karnataka, banking on the capacities of Chenna Reddy and Devaraj Urs. The Brahma Congress, relieved of the anxiety over the number of supporters after the split, is faced with the onerous job of coordinating the doings of its various Pradesh satraps. And the Communist Parties, pledged to build Left unity, are still far apart.

In the wild life of parliamentary politics, election campaigns hold the place of big game hunting. But beyond this jungle however, lies the wider world of mass activity of the day-to-day struggle of the working man and woman. By the Government's own admission, the workers' strikes are on the increase. No doubt, part of these might be the inevitable sequel to the return of the formal democratic liberties after the gag of the Emergency raj; but these strikes reflect to a large measure, the growing discontent on the industrial front. The strike of the Government employees in Bombay has not been settled because the State Government run by the Congress, has been getting the full support of the Janata Prime Minister to put it down.

RURAL SCENE

The rural scene is no more peaceful: what is passed of as atrocities on the Harijans is in essence the offensive of the rich farmer against the poor peasant and the agricultural worker. The Government's claim that the price level has not yet risen to the level of 1974 offers no consolation for any middle class home haunted by the spectre of impoverishment and unemployment. The blackmarketeer is as active as the hoarder.

What is disconcerning is that intimidation and suppression of working-class actions are no longer being focussed by politicians and the press in an effective manner. Within earshot of the Capital, mass actions by the workers in the rising industrial belt with Faridabad at one end and Ghaziabad at another, received scant attention.

In the seven months between June and December, there took place as many as seven police actions, in which workers were killed as a result of indiscriminate police firing: in June at Drug Dilli-Rajhara mines (Madhya Pradesh) in which official figures show ten killed and eighteen wounded; in August at IISCO in Dhanbad (Bihar), one killed and six wounded, and again at Bokaro, one killed and one wounded; in September at Sahibabad (UP), seventy wounded; in October at Mulund (Maharashtra), sixty-nine wounded; and in December, at Lucknow (UP), seven workers were wounded, and in the same month at Kanpur, eleven workers were killed and a large number wounded by police firing, according to the Government's published data.

FORMIDABLE

The list even under official cover is formidable. But any careful enquiry will show that many more have lost their lives. Recently, a preliminary on-the-spot probe by two young investigators into the happenings at the Swadeshi Cotton Mills at Kanpur bring out a gruesome picture of complicity between venal management of the mills and the throughly unscrupulous police, in which several hundred workers were suspected to have been killed and there are allegations of dead bodies of the victims having been dumped in the river. A Hindi daily, widely respected,

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The Vice-president of India, Mr B.D. Jatti, at a colourful function held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Madras, on January 17 declared the Filmotsav-78 closed. Listening to his concluding speech are Mr. R. M. Veerappan, Minister for Information and Tourism, Tamilnadu, Mr L. K. Advani, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. M. G. Ramachandran, Chief Minister of Tamilnadu and Mr Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamilnadu.

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

While I prate about Universal Non-violence, my experiment is confined to India. If it succeeds, the world will accept it without effort. There is however, a big BUT.

ASOKA SCENTED BETEL NUT POWDER

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WHY NOT 100-RUPEE NOTE TOO ?

To catch the really fat sharks, the Government could have banned from circulation even the Rs. 100 note. That would have convinced anybody that the authorities seriously meant business.

Now with only the higher denominations, Rs. 1,000 and above being declared as illegal tender, the holes in the net are not small enough for the bigger fish to find their way out to safer waters.

One would like to think that the Government's move was kept a closely guarded secret and that the transactors in the black market were taken unawares, but this is too good to be true.

The ever-wakeful Big Business chislers always anticipate every move of the Finance Ministry and they manipulate close to the escape hatches to prevent being drowned in the event of a mishap.

The demonetisting of the high value notes therefore does not come as a surprise to those whom it meant to hurt nor will this measure serve as a deterrent on the spiralling of commodities prices or put an end to hoarding.

Ever since the first demonetization of the 100-rupee note in 1947 soon after Independence, the unsocial elements in the country have been very cautious in handling high value notes and even if they did, they could make arrangements for speedy disposal at the danger hour.

How much of the top-rated currency notes are put out into circulation by the Reserve Bank of India, that it may not be able to keep track of its flow? Surely the issues are limited and are handled by the large business community only.

Unless this is a stunt to win favour of the voters in some of the States where elections are to be held soon, there is no point in the Janata Government launching such a frivolous drive to corner the hoarder and the blackmarketeer in such a cheap entertaining fashion.

The common man is not impressed. He wants prices to come down at once, more output of food and other essentials and measures taken to stabilise the economy.

Of Men And Matters

Future of Carnatic Music

ARE our musicians indifferent to voice culture and of what remains of our Carnatic music? It seems many are just content with mere instrumentalisation of the deft ragas?

Discussions at the recently concluded music conferences have ranged from those of hope of increasing patronage to one of utter despair. Just good attendance at the festivals is no sign that the classical music sustains greater interest.

Does the use of the electronic system like the michrophone dispense with the advancement of voice culture is only argumentative, because even exponents of the Hindustani music of the north do not express diffidence in adopting more and more to throwing their voice over the mike. content.

Strict adherence to tradition and grace will carry conviction with the listeners and make up for greater appreciation. The songs of the musical trinity are melody intuited in the inspired depths of bhakthi and ecstacy. As such, every kriti of the great composers has to be experienced in two dimensions, namely, aesthetic charm and spiritual

A musician is he or she who, is able to train his or her voice, render the kritis with full feeling and help the listeners to appreciate the beauty and grandeur of the time worn compositions.

The tendency to romanticise only the stature of the musicians of yesteryear must cease for, it must be remembered that each era finds its own heroes and its artistic style of expression. Art should not remain static. Innovation and creative urge help to feed the development of music that has grown with the contemporary life of the people.

The future of Carnatic music can hold its own only if the artistes treat the base with respect and do not make light of it by trying to replace it with technical acrobatics. Complacency that Carnatic music stay despite the palming off of false art is the biggest danger.

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Political Game. . .

editorially indicted the Government, holding it "wholly responsible," for the incident, which it did not hesitate to brand as a "massacre".

No judicial probe has been ordered. No political party has taken up the issue, though it is widely known that the name of the Swadeshi Cotton Mills stinks because of corruption. The press, even the progressive section of it, has not campaigned for the punishment of the police terror at Kanpur.

With all the fulsome tributes paid to the voter at the March poll overthrowing the Emergency raj, there seems to be no thought for the working people, their problems and persecution.

The time has come when the mask has to be torn asunder. Democracy cannot be the prerogative of the privileged, the affluent. It is the birthright of this great nation.

Kanpur is a badge of shame, a warning against immoral complacency.

—*N.C. in Mainstream.*

Readers Write

Education, Society And Politics

THE way in which a Government expresses its views on Education has to generate aspiration for attainment of Culture and social vigour. Higher the l vel of education and knowledge better the prospects of political stability. An impressive party system makes excellent proposals. Political instability, narrow national outlook and regionalism create barriers and disasters; education falls short of social and national needs.

One can only hope eminent educationists and the concerned authorities will stimulate major changes in education and the introduction does not give room to division and disintegration.

Politics, based on virtues, is a process by which decision makers who carefully study the situation in the country can perfectly finalise the right way to joy of life.

A proposed change can be thought of as a thing of higher value, but it may turn out to be loathsome, if our civilized citizens express their dissent on efficacy of the reform suggested. Realism reveals that out-dated proposals based on irrational ideologies are good for nothing.

Mahatma Gandhi was a great philosopher. His true wisdom and divine life inspired him to work for man's welfare. He knew the difference between realism and idealism.

In a country, as that of ours, there should be harmonious link that unites regional cultures and culture of the nation. English should be utilized as the link language until Hindi is made worth accepting.

For accomplishing changes political prudence, patience, and philosophical approach are highly essential. If demands for change are at odds with one another due to clash of self-interests, available sources cannot be directed for social welfare and economic progress.

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Split Mania

MRS. Indira Gandhi has contrived and caused yet another split in the Congress Party. A dichotomy of the Party executed by her back in 1969 is still green in one's memory.

The epithet, "split personality" may well suit her. It seems to be that the splitting game has come to stay in our body politic. The imperialists, who were former rulers believed in "divide and rule" and when they finally left our shores they split the country into two separate nations. Quite lately, Pakistan itself got divided and what was East Pakistan became Bangladesh.

In a way, the regionalisation of India on linguistic basis, amounted to division of the nation into minor nations; it would not be surprising if in course of time further divisions take place just as the amoeba.

It is worthwhile to recall Rajaji's parody on Mark Anthony's funeral oration, when he said: "I have come to bury the Congress, not to praise it".

A. SAMPATH KRISHNA, Madras - 1.

Chandra: A Baffling Bowler

By P.N. SUNDARESAN

B. S. Chandrasekhar is an extrordinary character in Indian cricket, if not world cricket. I don't remember any bowler who has baffled his critics as much as he has done in his thirteen-year old Test career. He has bowled or spun them out much more effectively and, disastrously too, than he has treated the batsmen from every part of the world.

Only last season, at the end of the test series against England his critics wrote him off as "finished" but barely six months later he rips through the Australian batting, more roaringly than a Jeff Thomson, to bring India its first Test victory on Australian soil. With a match bag of 12 wickets—his best in tests—he clinches a $500-dollar Man of the Match award too!

ONLY TIRED

Chandra was not "finished" at the end of the series last season but only he was too tired to bowl effectively. After a strenuous tour of New Zealand and West Indies he could have been rested for the home series against New Zealand early in the season but the selectors would not do this. And once in the team Bishen Singh Bedi would not give him any rest. With the result that Chandra had lost his buoyancy and, his bowling the nip that was necessary to destroy batsmen in Test cricket. But after about six months rest he has picked up his bowling health to prove his prowess in yet another part of the cricketing world. One may remember that Chandra, following a strain to his foot, was forced to return home in the middle of his previous visit to Australia ten years ago with Pataudi's team and he must have been suffused with joy and happiness with his triumph at Melbourne last month. This success came in the wake of his fine but luckless bowling in the first two tests of which a critic of the stature of Bill O'Reilly, the great Australian bowler of the pre-war era, had spoken very highly.

So Chandra, for yet another time in his career, is having his laugh at his critics of whom the Indian press box has in plenty. Sometime ago I told Chandra that his critics said that he knew little of what he was doing with the ball to which he reacted sharply: "Yes, yes. When I get a batsman with a leg-break, your friends write that I did it with a googly. That's what they know about my bowling!"

'COSTLY' ILLUSION

And then he went on to show the fine grip he had over the manipulation of his skills with the ball and showed how the critics were wrong in charactering him as a "costly" bowler by asking me to refer to statistics which would show that this was wrong. And he was right! I found, that, of the spinners in Indian tests, only Bapu Nadkarni had a better average than Chandra. So people suffer from an illusion when they say that Chandra is costly, this being created by the manner in which he gives away runs off a quick succession of deliveries.

Chandra confessed he could not help this. When the ball was given to him, he was expected to bring immediate results and he had to attack the batsmen with a clinching field. There was no room for a defensive alingment of the forces at his command, so much so he gave away runs, which he could have prevented otherwise, rather like a prince. If this was considered a drawback there was the other side of it: figures reveal that Chandra is the most penetrative of the Indian spinners with the best striking power per over.

MOST HUMAN

Chandra is really an extrodinary bowler, a leg-spinner who transgresses all the norms of his trade. His pace is medium, sometimes he is as quick as some of the Indian quickies; he is quick through the air, though he can make the ball dip while his googly and flipper can flabbergast the best of batsmen, as it did Simpson at Melbourne. And he is *the real match winner* because he can swing his side from a tight spot to victory in the space of a few balls, in a jiffy, as the modern will like to put it.

I have been closely watching the Indian spin quartette Chandra, Bedi, Prasanna and Venkatraghavan for more than a decade but it is only Chandra who touches your heart, who raises a lump in your throat by what he does on the field, and the way he does it. What the others do is cold, calculated surgery which affects you only mentally.

Chandra is the most human of bowlers that I have ever seen, who can be inspired to rise to great heights by the noise of the multitude. "Big crowds, ever since they gave me a big ovation for taking a catch minutes after my test debut at the Brabourne Stadium in Bombay never make me nervous; they really provide me encouragement," confessed Chandra.

Bowler extra ordinary, that is Chandra, baffling everyone around in a cricket field.

Ideal Home Exhibition

With a view to bring the consumers directly in touch with the manufacturers, for the first time in India the All India Manufacturers' Organization (Tamil Nadu State Board) had organised an All India Ideal Home Exhibition, at Abbotsbury Mount Road. The 15 day exhibition was opened on 6th January by Shri Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamilnadu.

Exhibits covering wide range of ideas, an ideal home that creates an atmosphere of restful relaxation and all useful appliances for comfortable living with limited accommodation, are well displayed. More than 50 manufacturers whose exhibits covering over 500 items all related to home, have displayed their products. Furnishings, space saving devices, electrical and kitchen appliances, designs of complete houses, new models of T.V., Radio sets, handicrafts, textiles were some of the exhibits.

Social organizations like Stree Seva Mandir, The Swallows of India, Govt. Vigilance Home, Madras Association of the Deaf, Nirmala Nilayam Cultural Academy, Agriculture Department of Tamilnadu Government have taken stalls, for exhibition and sale of their product.

The Governor in his speech said that women should be consulted in domestic affairs. He also stated that village handicrafts deserved patronage to promote rural economy.

Mr. Eswaran, Chairman of the AIMO Tamilnadu State Board presided. Mr. K.R. Motilal convenor of the Exhibition Committee welcomed the gathering.

Admission was free. Apart from attractive displays, discount sales, exciting gifts and free competion to win a diamond studded gold necklace were the added attraction of the exhibition.

Psychohygiene

The West German business newspaper HANDELSBLATT has carried the following advertisement: "Depression, declining turnover. 100 per cent of our customers have preferred consulting us to committing suicide and declaring themselves bankrupt. We shall morally arm you. Analytics. Industria. consultation. Psychohygiencel 41 Landwehrstrasse, Munich 2".

A New Cultural Academy Inaugurated

A cultural association called VGP Cultural Academy has been inaugurated at the VGP Golden Beach Resort, near Madras. The Academy aims at providing entertainments, dramas, dances, classical music etc. reflecting the themes of our ancient culture, art and tradition and items from other countries as well. The academy would send out cultural teams and artistes to foreign countries, also receive such parties from abroad and stage their programmes here.

Young and budding artists will be helped and encouraged to develop their skill and attain maturity. As patrons of art and literature VGP Brothers have announced three prizes of Rs. 1000/-for Tamil writers in the field of literature, music and drama every year.

Academy membership is open to all and the members will get ten per cent discount for purchase in the VGP concerns, Panneerdas Bros announced at their New Year Press Meet at the Mount Road Show Room. Among the invitees who attended the conference were Dr. Kamumura and Messrs. Minimura and Nishikawa from Japan.

Mr. Narana Duraikanan presided. Among those who spoke included Poet Surada Mr. Manimozhi and Editor Vikraman.

All India Electronic Convention

The President and members of the All India Radio & Electronics Association (South Zone) held a function on the 7th January at Hotel Kanchi in Madras to meet Mr. C. E. Carapiet (Central President AREA) and in connection with the 6th All India Electronics Convention to be held in Delhi in February 1978. The Vice-President and Prime Minister are expected to participate in the inaugural function and the Seminar.

Mr. B. Hanumantha Rao, President, South Zone, welcomed the gathering. Those who spoke on the occasion included Messrs. B.M. Sharma (President, Eastern Zone), V.V. Subrahmanyam and C.R. Ganesan.

Mr. Carapiet spoke about the "Highlights of Electronics Convention-February 1978 at Delhi" and said that a detailed and informative Souvenir would also be brought out after the convention. He thanked the members for the warm welcome extended to him. Mr. P.R. Vijayarangam Hony. Secretary (S.Z.) proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. Carapiet distributed certificates to T.V. students.

A large number of new sarees and dhoties was brought by members of the association from Eastern Zone as gift for flood victims as part of humane activities of the association.

FUN AND LAUGHTER

TOO DEAR

An old countryman sent his young son to the village shop for an ounce of tobacco, giving him six pence. He waited. Years passed—and more years. Then one day a magnificent motor pulled-up beside his humble cottage door, and out stepped a prosperous-looking man.

"Well, Dad," he boomed. "I went to America, worked hard and I guess I'm rich now".

"May be," retorted the old chap curtly, "but where's my baccy?"

The son produced a packet from his pocket. "Here it is, Dad," he said, "but it's dearer now. You owe me three-and-six pence".

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UNPREPARED

A doctor attended an old lady who had caught a severe cold.

"Did your teeth chatter when you felt the chill coming over you?" asked the doctor.

"I don't know—they were lying on the table!" was the pleasant reply.

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DISAPPOINTMENT

A teacher said to one of her favourite students: "Peggy, your final examination papers were a distinct disappointment to me. And what will your parents say? Didn't you tell me your Daddy had promised you a bicycle if you achieved good marks?"

"Yes," said Peggy, stifling a sob.

"Well, then," pursued the teacher, "why didn't you study harder? What were you doing the whole term?"

Peggy answered: "Learning to ride a bike".

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TREATMENT

Tenderly he gathered her into his arms and whispered, "Let me kiss those tears away, sweetheart." She relaxed in his arms, but the tears flowed on.

Breathlessly he asked, "Can't anything stop them?"

"I'm afraid not," she murmured. "It's hay fever...but you can continue the treatment".

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PROOF

"I fear that young man I employed last week is dishonest".

"Oh, you shouldn't judge by appearances!"

"I'm not; I'm judging by disappearances in this case".

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HINT

The young man took the gorgeous blonde home from the dance. "I'd like to see more of you," he whispered tensely.

"You can," she promised. "I'm going swimming tomorrow".

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THANKS!

Whistler, the painter, was at a dinner one night, and an awful bore came up to him and said, "Do you know, Mr. Whistler, I passed your house last night?"

"Thanks," said Whistler.

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BETTER

"My husband talks in his sleep. It's terribly exasperating".

"Mine is worse. He just grins".

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SAME TERMS

Customer: "I hear my son has owed you for a suit for three years."

Tailor: "Yes, sir; have you called to settle the account?"

Customer: "No, I'd like to have one for myself on the same terms".

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EXPERIENCED

Boy friend: Did I see Joe kiss you last night?

Girl-friend: Uh Huh:

Boy-friend: Where is that guy? I'll teach him a thing or two.

Girl-friend: Uh—I don't think you can, dear.

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THE LAST WORD

Mary: "Why aren't you working?"

George: "The boss and I had exchanged words, and he won't take back what he said".

Mary: "What was it?"

George: You're fired!"

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GROWN UP

It was long after mid-night. The author looked haggard and worn out. He had been working on his novel.

"Darling," called his wife, "are you coming to bed?"

"No," muttered the author. "I've got the pretty girl in the clutches of the villain and I want to get her out".

"How old is the girl?" asked the wife.

"Twenty-two," informed the writer.

"Then come to bed," snapped the wife. "She is old enough to take care of herself".

GONE!

Speaking about hatred, a preacher asked those members of his congregation who had conquered this sin to stand up.

A very old man—the oldest man in the country—got to his feet.

"You don't hate anybody at all?" asked the preacher.

"No, I don't," said the old man.

"That's wonderful. Tell us how you did it".

"Well," piped the aged one, "all those blankety blanks I hated"—and he cackled triumphantly—"they're all dead!"

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EXERCISE!

The blacksmith's sweetheart entered the forge just as he paused to wipe the perspiration from his brow.

"Shall we go to the pictures tonight, John?" she asked.

"Nay lass" he replied. "I'm playing darts for the club".

"I'm tired of you and your silly darts".

"Come, come," pleaded the blacksmith, picking up a heavy hammer, "a man must get exercise sometimes".

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LAUGHING STOCK

After having worked his way up to a high Government position, a man visited the village where he was born.

"I suppose the people here, Tom, have heard of the honour that has been conferred on me?" he asked an old school fellow.

"Yes," was the gratifying reply.

"And what do they say about it?"

"They don't say anything," was the reply, "they just laugh."

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NO THANKS

"What about the thirty shillings you owe me?"

"Quite all right—it's your birthday next Sunday and I'm going to bring it to you with my congratulations".

"You just bring the money and I-ll congratulate myself."

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LOVE'S LABOUR LOST

"Why didn't you marry?" inquired the young of the old bachelor.

"Well, you see," replied the single one. "when I was quite young I resolved that I wouldn't marry until I found the ideal woman. After many years I found her."

"Lucky beggar! And then?"

"She was looking for the ideal man."

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HIS WORRY

Mother: "Come along, Tony, get ready for school".

Tony, aged five, in surprise and disgust: "What—again? It's no good. I went all day yesterday, and I can't read yet".

FORCE OF HABIT

An eccentric man walked into a restaurant and sat down at a table. "What will you have, sir?" asked the waiter.

The customer shook his head. "Not a thing," he replied. "I'm not hungry".

The waiter stared. "Then what's the idea," he grumbled; "of coming in here?"

The customer shrugged his shoulders. "It's very simple," he explained. "This is my lunch hour".

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EVESDROPPING

A woman complained to a friend that the walls of her new apartment were so thin that the neighbours on either side could hear everything she said.

"Oh, I think you could climinate that trouble," the other replied. "Just hang some tapestries over your walls"

The woman considered the suggestion briefly, then shook her head.

"No, that wouldn't do," she replied. "Then we couldn't hear what they say".

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JEALOUS

The news that Joe had lost his job got around quickly, and a noisy friend asked: "Why did the foreman fire you?"

"You know what a foreman is"—Joe shrugged, "—the one who stands around and watches the other men work".

"What's that got to do with it," his friend wanted to know.

"Well he just got jealous on me," Joe explained, "people thought I was the foreman".

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TOO RISKY

A men went to an insurance officer to have his life insured. The insurance agent asked, "Do you drive?"

"No," said the applicant.

"Do you fly?"

"No," answered the applicant the second time.

"Sorry, sir," said the agent curtly, "but our company no longer insures pedestrians".

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THE PUNISHMENT

"I'm going to give you the maximum punishment," the judge announced to a crestfallen defendant. "I'm not going to put you in our nice gaol. I'm going to let you go free and worry about taxes, shortages, rationing, unemployment, politics, war, pre-war, post-war, the high cost of living—just like the rest of us".

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REFUND

A young woman went into a store and sought out a sales assistant. "Do you return the money when an article isn't satisfactory?" she wanted to know.

"That really depends upon the article?" the salesman told her.

"This is a book," he was informed.

"What was wrong with it Madam?"

"I didn't like the way it ended".

Far and Near

"Secret" Energy

The energy problem is worrying not only politicians and economists in the United States, but defence officials too, and they have suggested their own way of solving it. The Pentagon, it turns out, daily burns ten tons of confidential document, and they provide 5 per cent of the buildings' steam heat and hot water.

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Winner Loses

Mae Ross of Wetumpka (Alabama, U.S.A.) won a car in a shopping centre drawing. Good for her, you say? Hardly. She was immediately informed that she could no longer draw her $ 00-a-month welfare cheque because her win was worth more than $1,000. Mrs. Ross now has a car and no money for petrol. The little she makes as a maid is hardly enough to feed her three children and herself.

Foresight

Seventy-five-year old Harry Fountain of Boston (England) is convinced that he will live to see the end of the 20th century. The only thing that worries him is the constantly growing inflation. And so he has ordered a £175 tombstone beforehand because he is afraid that at the present r te of rising prices it will be beyond his means later on.

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Vexed

British servicemen are allowed to work on the side in their spare time. Three hundred men from the West Drayton air base, for instance, did packing work at a chocolate factory in Slough. The firemen's strike, however, put an end to th se extra earnings: the soldiers were ordered to do twelve hours' duty and to be ready to fight fi es. They were especially vex d when they learned that their place at the factory was taken over by the striking firemen.

The President And Brandy

American President is appearing ever more often over Japanese brandy with him, 'Newsweek' writes. In the past two months this 30-second commercial has been run hundreds of times. Actor Walt Hanna, hired to play the U.S President, is so expertly made up that it is hard not to believe that he is President.

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Expert Opinion

American burglar Don Bledsoe has spent 32 of his 51 years in prison. Nevertheless he has committed 2,000 robberies. Once he even succeed d in robbing a police station. On that occasion he stole material evidence and forced the authorities to drop the case against him. Some time ago he gave up his risky occupation and now works for a company that repossesses cars, an occupation he calls "stealing-without-stigma".

Legalizing it

San Francisco can vie with any other American city in the number of vice dens. Recently it also became the venue of the first hookers' union in the United States. Its members are calling for the legalization of prostitution. And not unsuccessfully, it may be said. One step in that direction was the ball they staged. It attracted a lot of people despite the high admission charge—$30. The guests included city officials too. One of them, San Francisco's Chief of Police whose job is to fight prostitution, readily posed for newspaper photographers.

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Turning To The Stars

More and more Americans are pinning their hopes for the future on predictions by astrologers and fortune-tellers. A recent Gallup poll showed that 32 million adult Americans believed in astrology. Horoscopes have grown enormously in popularity. A generation ago, when there were more dailies than now, writes the New York Times, only about 100 carried them regularly but today some 1,250 do.

Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

NEW YEAR WITH NEW FLATS FOR MOSCOVITES

Construction work is going on in a huge scale in Moscow and new residential flats are being provided to the families in Moscow with well-appointed apartments.

Two thirds of the population of the Soviet Union moved to new flats or have been rehoused over the past five years. In 1975 alone, 2.2 million apartments were built, almost twice as much as in Britain, France, and the FRG combined.

Housing construction in the USSR is carried out mainly at the state expense. Most of the apartments are given to the population free of charge. The citizens of the USSR have the right to housing.

In the USSR housing is not a profit making sphere, either during construction, or during the period of tenancy. In the current five-year period (1976-1980), the state has allocated 100 billion roubles for housing construction (by way of comparison, the construction of the Krasnoyarsk hydroelectric station, the largest in the world, cost 0.8 billion roubles). The new tenants pay nothing to occupy flats built with this money. Furthermore, the State also shoulders two-thirds of the expenditure on housing maintenance, with five billion roubles being earmarked for this purpose every year. The world's lowest rents were established in the USSR in 1928, and they have not been raised since then. For instance, factory and office-workers' families in Moscow spend an average of 4-5 per cent of the family budget on rent, electricity, gas, central heating and water.

From its early days the policy of the Soviet Government has been oriented towards meeting the requirements of all the people.

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EXPANDING SPORTS FACILITIES

Now in Moscow prominence is given to building sports facilities for the 1980 Olympic Games, with 32 ministries and departments, 20 designing institutes and 19 building organisations taking part in this work.

It is planned to build some 80 projects for the Olympics, and work is now under way on most of them. The Lenin Central Stadium in Luzhniki, which is to be the main sports centre of games, is being rebuilt to accomodate 146,000 simultaneously. The Dynamo and the Central Army Club Sports facilities, as well as sports structures in Sokolniki and Izmailovo are being modernised. Europe's largest indoor stadium and swimming pool, a gym-hall in Luzhniki, a roofed gym-ball in Izmailovo and the main press centre on Zubovski avenue are under construction.

At Krylatskoye a second sections of the rowing canal, stands for spectators and new sports structures are being built. A circular track and an indoor track are being prepared for cyclists. For the first time in the history of the Olympic Games a complex is being set up in the Bitsevo park where all types of equestrian events can be held.

The first 16-storey block of flats is being erected in the Olympic village that will take up 107 hectares. There will be 18 such buildings in the village, each with two-or three-room flats that will have a big kitchen and spacious hall. The village will also have a restaurant for 4,000 seats, several cafes and bars, a department store, a recreation centre with a concert hall holding 1,200, and an excellent sports complex.

All facilities will be up to the high standards set by the Olympiad-80 Organising Committee, the International Olympic Committee and International Sport Federations.

"Humane"

The police in the West German city of Augsburg have been dubbed "chemical baton". The weapon has already been tested on demonstrators in Munich and Nuremberg. High-ranking police officers say it is a "humane weapon" and advocate its use.

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswani Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THIS week opens with an optimistic note. You may be offered a new and more attractive assignment. You should try to develop new source of income. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Favourable days: 22nd & 23rd.

★

VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THIS week starts well. Professional prospects are bright. You can expect some benefits from superiors. Family work will be exacting. But you can expect some relief by the end of this month. Health will be well maintained. Partnership matters could be finalised. Long distance travel is possible during this week. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Favourable days: 26th & 28th.

★

MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THIS week opens with renewed emphasis on monetary matters. Speculative gains are also indicated. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. Correspondence will be favourable. You should try to renew your contacts with your old business associates. Family members will be cooperative. Health will be well maintained Favourable days: 24th & 25th

★

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

MOST of the week is favourable. Public relations and success in efforts will be encouraging. Official atmosphere will be normal. You can also expect cooperation from your superiors. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Health will be well maintained. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Childrens' progress will give you much pleasure. Favourable days: 25th & 26th.

PLAN WITH THE PLANETS

For The Week 22nd January To 28th January 1978

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THIS week indicates mixed results. You will be able to solve some of your problems. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children should be handled properly to avoid complications later. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. You can expect some change in official sphere by the end of this week. Favourable days: 23rd & 24th.

★

KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

THE whole week will be satisfactory. You can hope to complete some of long pending works this week. Official atmosphere is good. Some relief is seen in domestic sphere. Money matters will be encouraging. Help from friends can be expected. Long distance travel should be avoided. Care is necessary in political field. Favourable days: 25th & 26th.

★

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THERE is some improvement in family sphere. Keep an eye on children. Correspondence will be favourable. You should try to cultivate new friendship. You can expect some benefits from opposite sex. Finance will improve. But you should avoid speculative investments. Continue your efforts in official sphere. You will be well rewarded for your efforts in the near future. Favourable days: 23rd & 24th.

★

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THERE is speculative attraction this week. There is some improvement in family environment. In affairs of heart you should be prepared for some disappointment. Partnership matters require more attention. Your mind will go towards fresh comforts and luxuries. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Short distance travel is indicated. Favourable days: 22nd & 23rd.

★

DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

MOST of the week is ordinary though the week end may produce better results. You should devote more attention to domestic matters. There is some difficulty relating to children. Speculation in political matters should be avoided. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Favourable days: 26th & 27th.

★

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana—Dhanistha 1/2

THE whole week can be said to be satisfactory. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. You should try to find a new source of income by diversifying your activities. Official atmosphere will be normal. But avoid friction with superiors. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Favourable days: 27th & 28th.

★

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THE first part of the week is better than the second half. You should try to complete important transactions as early as possible. Pressure from creditors and borrowings are some possibilities. Partnership matters require attention. Family happiness is assured. Short journeys are indicated. Change of place is also indicated Favourable days: 25th & 26th.

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadrapada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadrapada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

MOST of the week shows ordinary results. Finance will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Physical weakness is seen. So avoid extra work and mental strain. Sudden decisions should be avoided. There will be improvement in the position by the end of this month. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Avoid long distance journeys. Favourable days: 25th & 26th.

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RACING REVIEW :

Well On The Way For A Classic Hat-Trick

IT is not beyond the the sporting Grand Parade to pocket the South India St. Leger too and thus earn a meritorious classic hat-trick at Guindy.

It was quite thrilling to watch Grand Parade streak past the rest of the field even before the winning post was 200M away to retire a facile winner of this year's South India Derby in the moderate timing of 2 mins. 44 secs.

The pace of the race was very slow as compared with the Oaks race and that is why Grand Parade who overtook his stable-mate Fox Bat at the 600 metre mark could not better the timing of Fox Bat who clocked 2m. 36-1/5 secs over the identical distance in the Oaks race.

For the interest of racegoers, it may be mentioned that both Grand Parade and Fox Bat are scheduled to participate in the Arc de Triomphe race at Bangalore to be run there on January 28.

A.B. David's charge, Linde Flora owned by Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswami, will go to Bombay to be run in the Indian Derby. He was a second favourite in the South India Derby and held a forward position in the race even after getting a delayed start when the field was sent away. He came on very strongly in the straight to take the fourth position 1-1/2 lengths behind Fox Bat.

Ivanjica the runner-up in the South India Derby avenged her Oaks defeat at the hands of Fox Bat by pagging back the latter by a neck in the S I. Derby She is a game filly who will go far and win many trophies for her owners in the future races in which she is engaged.

Our tipster, SNAPPER, had predicted Grand Parade and Fox Bat to share the first and second places in the Derby and he was not disappointed with the result.

Incidentally, two other daughters of Everyday II besides Grand Parade (Everyday II-Mumtaz), Mohini and Urvashi won the K Srinivasan Memorial Cup and the Tamil Nadu Commemoration Gold Cup respectively on the same day.

Cyrus is to be watched when sent over 1,800M and more ground and he is sure to pick a good race and reward his followers with a nourishing dividend.

On Sunday for no reason there was inspired betting on trainer Khalander's charge Good Sort in the Tenkasi Plate a distance of 1,200M but it finished in the ruck. Probably there was a bid to repeat the coup which the same stable successfully got away with two weeks through Hypnotique.

The lack of able assistance by jockey Perumal on Rummy and Show in the Trichy Plate won by Lucky Wish, prevented a big upset in the first leg of the jackpot.

Academy Award has come to hand and it should win when next saddled.

SATURDAY RACES

The following are the runners for the extra day's races to be run at Guindy on Saturday, January 21 1978.

1. ALLAHABAD PLATE
1200 Metres 2-30 p. m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. IV

1. Red Sun 60, 2. Britania 55, 3. Future Flash 53½, 4. God's Gift 52½.

2. BRINDAVAN PLATE
1600 Metres 3-10 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. A

1. Hampton Court 60, 2. Royal Sapphire 60, 3. Wings of Morn 59½, 4. Modern Star 55½, 5. Know How 48, 6. Red Canute 47½, 7. Stambecco 47, 8. Emergency 46½, 9. Blazing Star 45½.

3. VINDHYA PLATE
1400 Metres 3-45 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. A
5 years old & upwards

1. Noble Venture 60, 2. Sky Wink 60, 3. Prince Bharat 58½, 4. Golden Oro 57½, 5. Eastern Goddess 56½, 6. Nerissa 55½, 7. Sangalpam 55½, 8. Rummy & Show 55, 9. Bonnie Brae 53, 10. Isadora 51½.

4. ELLORA PLATE
1200 Metres 4-20 p.m.
H'cap for Ind. horses in Cl. B
5 years old & upwards

1. Jonquil 60, 2. Sai Kirthi 59, 3. Gigolette 58½, 4. Roman Love 56½, 5. Sweetness 45½, 6. Steel Blue 45½, 7. Rock De Art 45½, 8. Pepego 45½.

5. GANGES PLATE
1400 Metres 4-55 p.m.
H'cap For Ind. horse Cl. IV
5 years old & upwards

1. Kitchini 60, 2. Repartee 59½, 3. Green Feathers 59½, 4. Veentha 57½, 5. Great Memories 55, 6. Goya 51½, 7. Medalist 49, 8. Avishkar 48, 9. Bhagya Lakshmi 47½, 10. Flare Path 47.

6. JAIPUR PLATE
1600 Metres 5-25 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Cl. B

1. Hypnotique 60, 2. Dawn of Hope 59½, 3. Sweet Revenge 56½, 4. Rashtra Doot 48½.

JACKPOT :—2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
1st TREBLE :—1, 2 & 3.
2nd TREBLE :—4, 5 & 6.
1st DOUBLE :—2 & 3.
2nd DOUBLE :—4 & 5.
1st TANALA Race : 3.
2nd TANALA Race : 5.

Snapper's Selections

I	Red Sun	1
	Britania	2
II	Modern Star	1
	Wings of Morn	2
III	Rummy and Show	1
	Isadora	2
	Sangalpam	3
IV	Sweetness	1
	Roman Love	2
V	Flare Path	1
	Goya	2
	Repartee	3
VI	Dawn of Hope	1
	Sweet Revenge	2

Best Bet : **Sweetness**

SUNDAY RACES

The following are the acceptances for the 17th day races, to be run at Guindy on Sunday 22nd January, 1978.

1. THE HYDERABAD SILVER VASE
2000 Metres 5 yrs. old and upwards. (Terms) 2-30 p.m.

1. Kitty Bank 61½, 2. Tradition 59.

2. THE BHILAI PLATE
1600 Metres. Class IV. 3-10 p.m.

1. Queen of Seer 60, 2. Nalini 56½, 3. Canyon 56, 4. Ruffian 54½, 5. Robinson Crusoe 53, 6. Rosedrop 52.

3. THE CHERA PLATE
1400 Metres. Class A. 3-45 p.m.

1. Don't Worry 60, 2. High Esteem 59, 3. Crown Court 57, 4. Soldier Blue 54½, 5. Golden Pastures 52, 6. Golden Streak 51, 7. Rare Glory 50, 8. Red Prince 48, 9. Stalemate 48, 10. Star Crest 47½.

4. THE C.S LOGANATHAN MEMORIAL CUP
1,600 M Class II. 4-20 p.m.

1. Roman Eagle 60, 2. Fondant 54, 3. Conspiracy 52½, 4. Patriot 46½.

5. THE JAGGY STUD PLATE
1000 M Maiden Ind. 3 yrs. old only. 4-55 p.m.

1. Red Crown 54, 2. Himmat 54, 3. Pure Class 54, 4. Regal Eagle 54, 5. Bravo Tango 54, 6. Red Chevelier 54, 7. Paso Fino 52½, 8. Star Hostess 5 ½, 9. Gold Tower 52½, 10. Subhad a 52½, 11. Ardent Queen 52½.

6. THE CHOLA PLATE
1,200 M Class B. 5-30 p.m.

1. The Commanding Boy 60, 2. Bright Baraloy 58½, 3. Mi Jhinkle 58½, 4. Cosmic Dancer 56½, 5. Chop Chop 51½, 6. Gold Bond 51, 7. Hot Bid 45½.

	Race Nos.
JACKPOT :	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
1st TREBLE :	1, 2 & 3.
2nd TREBLE :	4, 5 & 6.
1st TANALA :	Race : 3.
2nd TANALA :	Race : 5.
1st DOUBLE :	2 & 3.
2nd DOUBLE :	5 & 6.

Snapper's Selections

I	Kitty Bank	1
	Tradition	2
II	Queen of Seer	1
	Rosedrop	2
III	Red Prince	1
	Star Crest	2
IV	Conspiracy	1
	Roman Eagle	2
V	Gold Tower	1
	Ardent Queen	2
VI	Chop Chop	1
	Bright Baraloy	2

Best Bet,
Conspiracy

Chief Minister's Party To Delegates

Who is congratulating who? Chief Minister M. G. Ramachandran and Filmotsav Director V. S. Katara congratulating each other for the success of the Filmotsav.

Mr. M. G. Ramachandran, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, hosted a dinner party to honour the delegates to the Filmotsav '78 held in Madras. All delegates attended the party. Picture shows Mr M. G. Ramachandran conversing with the Hindi actor Shasi Kapoor and Tamil film-star Latha.

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Chief Minister M. G. Ramachandran, Industrialist Velayutham Pillai, Netharland's delegate Bert Haanstra and film-star K. R. Vijaya chatting at the dinner. <—

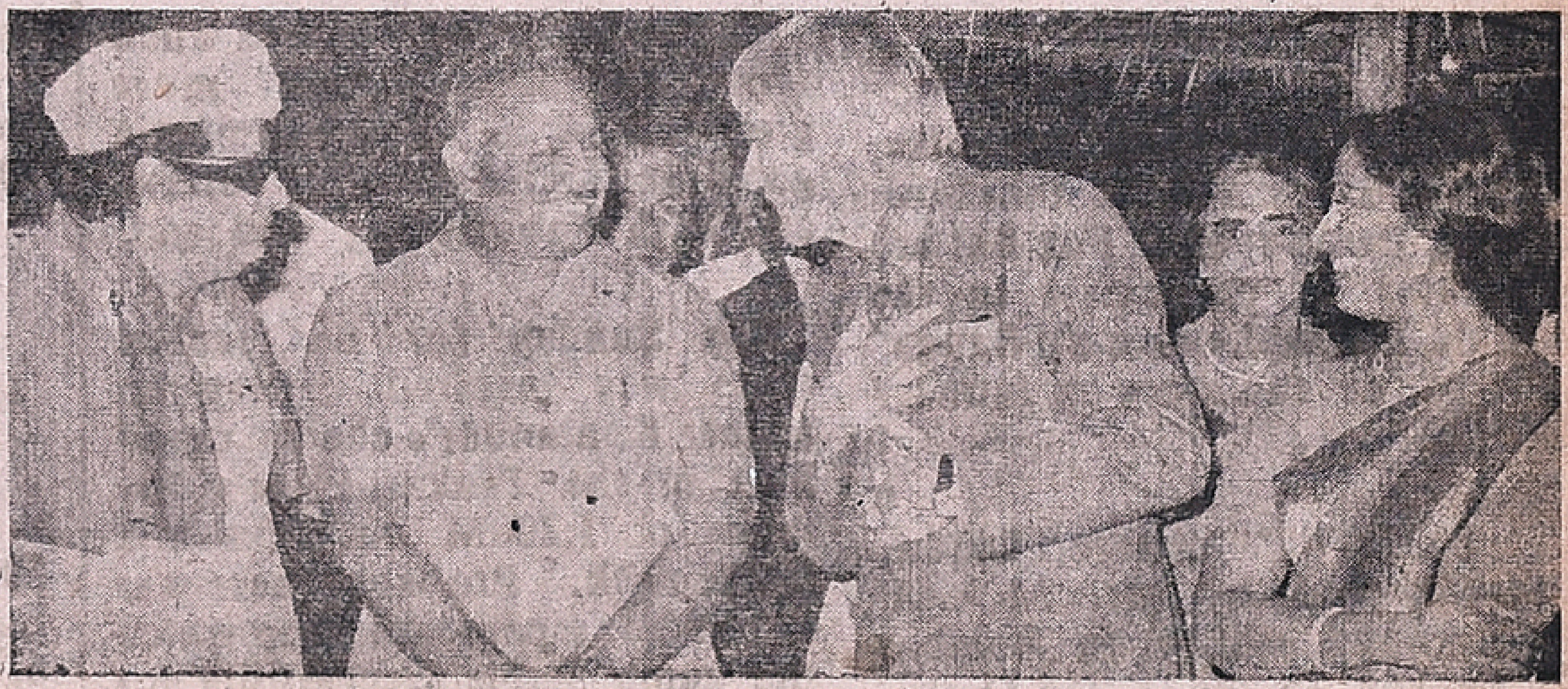
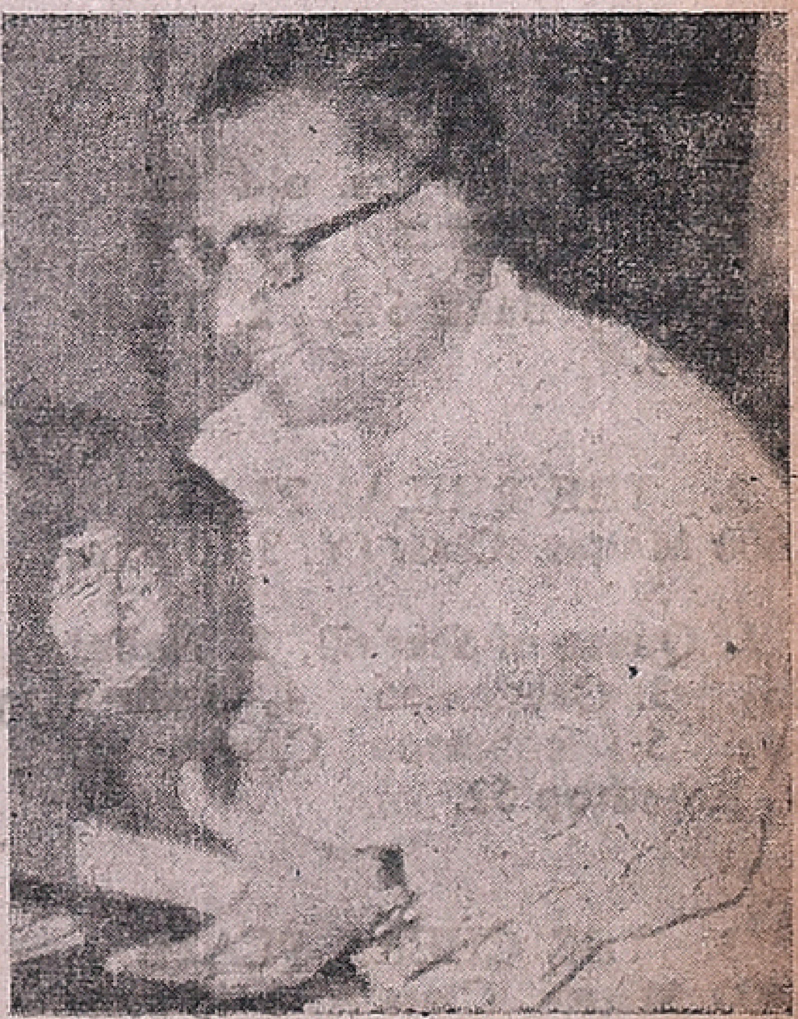


PHOTO REPORT

The Vice-President presenting the special award to Mr N. Krishnamurthy, Director of Information and Public Relations, Tamil Nadu, for Kalaivanar Arangam, the venue of the retrospectives shown at the Filmotsav '78.

Mr C. Venkatachalam of Ega Theatre with the first prize awarded to the Theatre by the Filmotsav Organizing Committee. <—



Prizes For Best Festival Theatres

—> Mr V. Sivalingam Chettiar of Abhirami Theatre with the second prize awarded to his theatre. Most of the press shows were held at Abhirami.

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